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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING OF OZONA OFFICE

TEMPLE, TEXAS, August 8, 2005 - Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director announced the Grand Opening of a new USDA Rural Development local office in Ozona, Texas. To celebrate this Grand Opening, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 19, 2005, in the new office located at 201 East 11th Street, Ozona, Texas. The Ozona Local Office will serve the counties of Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Val Verde.

"USDA Rural Development has been working to establish a local office in Ozona, Texas for some time and we are delighted to announce the Grand Opening," said Daniel. "We look forward to building new relationships in this area and believe that this new office will allow us to better serve the needs of the rural Texans of the area."

Through the numerous programs USDA Rural Development offers, we are committed to increase economic opportunity in rural communities by improving the flow of capital to businesses and by addressing the essential needs of rural households, to enhance the quality of life.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information, please contact the Ozona Local Office at (325) 392-2301 or visit us on the web at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

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